

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

- Claims 6-12 and 25-31 are pending in the Application.
- Claims 6-12 and 25-31 stand rejected by the Examiner.
- Claims 6 and 25 are currently amended.

Telephonic Interview

The Applicants representative thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview held on 5/5/06 to discuss claim wording for allowance of the pending claims using current USPTO claim drafting practice. During that interview, Applicants representative and the Examiner agreed on amended wording of independent Claims 6 and 25.

Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1 and 25 of the instant application are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1, 16, and 32 of copending continuation application Serial No. 10/960,741. Applicant notes that the copending application has not yet received a first Office Action. Applicant wishes to address the provisional double patenting rejection in the copending application as part of a future first Office Action and not address the provisional rejection in the instant case.

Claim Rejections Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the limitations “a system for enabling an entity” is considered non-tangible. Applicant has amended Claim 25 to recite “a computer system used by an application service provider (ASP), the system having product specification data of a plurality of manufacturers, comprising...”. Applicant believes that this recitation is sufficiently tangible because it recites a computer system with functionality that is implemented by a combination of hardware and software features. Applicant respectfully

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requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection because a computer system is tangible, patentable subject matter.

Claim Rejections Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 6 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph as being indefinite. Specifically, the terms “enabling” and “useful form and authoring tool for use outside of the database” are unclear.

Applicant has amended Claim 6 to eliminate the terms “in a form useful” to avoid indefiniteness. Applicant has amended Claim 25 to eliminate the terms “in a form useful” and “for use outside of the database” to avoid indefiniteness.

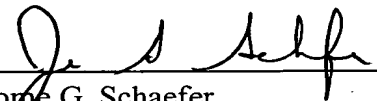
As a result of these amendments, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is in a condition for allowance upon entry of the amendments herein. Applicants earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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